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Ref: (a) MARADMIN 007/03
(b) MARADMIN 108/03

1. In preparation for the stabilization of forces and the return of normal rotation of personnel, it is necessary to publish additional guidance on personnel issues associated with separation and permanent change of station moves. The Stop Loss/Stop Move Policy was to continue until January 2004 however due to changes in current world affairs this policy will be terminated in the near future. In preparation for the eventual termination of the references, I am issuing the following guidance.

a. Effective immediately, Commanding Generals of Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) will establish procedures to monitor personnel readiness and release personnel affected by Stop Loss and Stop Move in over-crowded MOSS.

b. Additionally, the transfer of personnel whose movement, is in the best interests of the individual, their families, and the Corps is also encourage. Ensure proper and thorough coordination between your G-1 and HQMC (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). Commanders are cautioned not to release anyone with a critical or low-density skill until appropriate replacements are on-board or until Stop Loss and Stop Move is terminated.

2. This guidance is effective immediately and will remain in effect until references (a) and (b) are rescinded by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



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